

Sandralyn Bailey

05-311

From: stephen capizzi [frfarm@tds.net]
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2006 6:54 PM
To: KJMWEB
Subject: (no subject)

Hands off public access tv--the only place to get unbiased info about
current affairs.

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From: Jerry Richardson [jerry.richardson@turner.com]
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2006 5:45 PM
To: KJMWEB
Subject: RE: Public Access

February 13, 2006

RE: Public Access

Dear Mr. Martin;

It came to my attention just today that there is a plan afoot to disempower the Public Access cable statutes. I am not familiar with the details, but I must implore you: Do not give away any more to the huge corporations that already control what is broadcast on OUR, the PUBLIC's airwaves. Do not destroy what little access the people have to what is rightfully and by law ours; what is merely leased to these greedy, monopolistic corporate entities.

I hope my plea doesn't come to late for the deadline, which I urge you to extend in order to engage in a more highly publicized comment period.

Thank you for supporting the will of the people of this country, and for protecting our rights against those who would take whatever they can from us if it will bring them more profits and give us less power to control our channels of communication and information, that is to say our very freedoms.

Sincerely,

Toni Vian
tvian@pacell.net

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From: cleo fishel [cleofishel@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2006 7:12 PM
To: KJMWEB
Subject: Public Access Threat

Dear Chairman Martin,

We the people of America demand to retain our right to communicate through Public Access Television.

Our taxes paid for the installation of many of these technologies, and to maintain them. We also shoulder greater tax burdens due to these cheap and dishonest "communications" companies, which constantly avoid paying a proportionate tax.

While their welfare is clearly the priority of the FCC and other lawmakers, the welfare of our democracy is undermined daily.

The American Public, according to the principals of democracy, must have a voice. If you do not allow us to maintain this essential freedom, you clearly do not believe in democracy. If this is the case, I suggest that you have chosen to work in our government for the wrong reasons; perhaps providing a stacked deck to large corporations is your mission? Please, if this is not the case, do the right thing: Preserve and defend our Voice. Do not sacrifice the greater good for the greed of a few CEO's.

Your children, and your democracy, as well as your fellow citizens, will be thus correctly represented. You will be doing what is right.

Thank You,

C.F. Fishel, and many other concerned citizens on behalf of whom I write this.

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From: Johnson, Bonnie [Bonnie.Johnson@moodys.com]
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2006 1:49 PM
To: KJMWEB; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Deborah Tate
Subject: Please retain Public Access Television broadcasting, such as MNN stations in New York, NY

I want to state my request that the FCC retain public access television stations throughout the nation as an important form of democratic use of the television system.

Specifically, I am emphasizing the retention of public access television stations or "community broadcasting" in addition to the PBS broadcasting.

Bonnie L. Johnson
150 Thompson St. #3A
New York, NY 10012

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From: kathleen katsoner [envirakat1@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2006 12:29 PM
To: KJMWEB
Subject: Comments to the Chairman

kathleen katsoner (envirakat1@yahoo.com) writes:

please do not let the big cable companys take over the local and small public broadcasting companies, we need them all.

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From: George Duffy [gduffy@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2006 5:53 PM
To: KJMWEB
Subject: Comments to the Chairman

George Duffy (gduffy@hotmail.com) writes:

Dear Chairman MARTIN,

I have negotiated more competitive franchises than any other person in the USA, when I was working for RCN and WideOpenWest, millions of homes. If you would like insight into this process from someone who was done it I would be happy to volunteer my time.

George Duffy

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From: Noah Rubin [ruby@massappealmag.com]
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2006 11:03 AM
To: KJMWEB; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Deborah Tate
Subject: Video Franchising and the Threat to Public Access

Good Day,

My name is Noah Rubin. I am writing to express my concern about the FCC's Video Franchising initiative. It is quite clear to me the treat this poses to one of the greatest outlets of public expression remaining in our democracy, public access television. Public access is a breeding ground for free thinking and is a unique genre of media that should be protected at any cost. Please heed my advice and take action to keep this essential service alive for generations to come.

Much thanks in advance,

Noah Rubin

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From: Venu Keesari [keesari@bc.edu]
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2006 4:03 PM
To: KJMWEB
Subject: Please oppose "Video Franchising"

Dear Chairman Martin,

I am writing to express my opposition to proposals for "Video Franchising." Allowing large cable and telecommunications companies to enter into agreements with municipal governments may jeopardize funding for public access TV. Access to broadcast television is an important way for communities to share ideas and stay informed. A well informed citizenry is essential in any democratic process.

I believe the FCC commissioners will make a decision that protects local voices in television broadcasting.

Respectfully yours,

Venu Keesari
Brookline, MA

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From: mindystone@juno.com
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2006 3:36 PM
To: KJMWEB
Subject: Video Franchising for the People

Dear Chairman Martin,

I am writing to request that you and the other FCC board members allow "Video Franchising" contracts between large cable and telecom companies with local municipalities that include funding for public access TV. I feel that Verizon, AT&T, Comcast and Time Warner have no business trying to limit the air-waves that BELONG to "we the people". Shame on them!

Do what is right and give the people what is rightfully ours.....access to the airwaves!

Sincerely,

Mindy Stone

PO Box 1601, Melbourne, FL 32902

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From: Patrick Davis [patrick_davis@verizon.net]
Sent: Sunday, February 12, 2006 8:17 PM
To: KJMWEB
Subject: Local Access TV

Please protect local access television, rights and policies!

They only serve the common good!

Patrick Davis
President
GCTV, Inc.
Public Access Television for Greenfield, MA
<http://www.gctv.org>

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From: Robert Hilliard [rhilliard@earthlink.net]
Sent: Sunday, February 12, 2006 1:54 PM
To: KJMWEB
Cc: Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Deborah Tate; COALS_help
Subject: Local Video Franchising

Dear Commissioner Martin:

When I came to the Commission in 1964 as Chief of the Educational (Public) Broadcasting Branch, one of my duties was to work with the task force on cable television to assure that municipalities were given the prerogative of requiring the allocation of and monetary support for PEG channels when franchising local cable systems.

These Public, Education and Government access channels, where implemented, have contributed importantly to the cultural, educational and informational needs of their communities. Their loss would be a step backward in serving the public interest, convenience, and necessity

In the reconsideration of the local cable franchising process, I hope the Commission will make certain that municipalities retain the option of requiring allocation of and support for PEG channels.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Hilliard, Ph.D.
(Currently: Professor, Emerson College)

c.c. Commissioners Copps, Adelstein, Tate; Mass Media Bureau

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From: henrymartin@calweb.com
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2006 8:02 PM
To: KJMWEB
Subject: Vote to keep public access stations viable

Chairman Kevin J. Martin:

Please vote on the side of public access stations. We love our local programming. We get information, discussion, humor, music, drama and films that are not offered on network stations. Networks do not always serve our communities.

I believe part of your mission is to help The People keep our airwaves for The People, maintaining freedom of expression and the free flow of ideas and information - and that helps our democracy thrive. Dictatorial and authoritarian systems restrict these things and the country sinks.

Thank you,
A. Henry

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From: Donovan Ceaser [donovonc@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2006 10:13 PM
To: KJMWEB; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Deborah Tate
Subject: Say NO to tampering with local Media

I am writing this to show my opposition to any laws that are going to destroy the already fragile nature of local media. I am SICK of my life being filled with the information from Coporations!!!!!!!!!! I want my local media!!!!!! Leave it alone!!!!!!

Donovon Ceaser

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From: gloriagarvin@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, February 12, 2006 5:38 PM
To: Michael Copps
Cc: Jonathan Adelstein; Deborah Tate; KJMWEB

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To: Michael Copps, Federal Communications Commission
CC: Jonathan Adelstein, Deborah Tate

From: Gloria E. Garvin, PhD
Producer, Pasadena MoveON Looks at the Issues
(310) 592-4802
7149 Hidden Pine Drive
San Gabriel, CA 91775
gloriagarvin@aol.com

Re: "Notice of Proposed Rulemaking" 05-311

I, along with co-producer Conchita Thornton-Maruisch, have produced a TV NewsMagazine segment entitled "Saving Public Access Television." It's a 28:30 minute show featuring Michael Overing, professor of law and media at the Annenberg School for Communication and Alex Nogales, CEO of the National Hispanic Media Coalition. We would like to submit the DVD of this show for your consideration re: 05- 311. Please let me know the best address to send it to and we will overnight it tomorrow (2/13/06) in time to be included as commentary for the upcoming FCC rulemaking meeting.

I work through Pasadena Community Network, our local public access station, and along with a great team of volunteers, we produce a weekly TV NewsMagazine entitled Pasadena MoveON Looks at the Issues. We "bicycle" our 28:30 minute shows out to other public access stations across the United States, reaching a potential audience of several million people. We work on a shoestring budget and yet are able to produce and distribute high quality shows thanks to the public access television system.

My comments below are in regard to the FCC's "Notice of Proposed Rulemaking" 05-311 on "video franchising." My personal experience as a producer is that public access has given my group the opportunity to create a high-quality TV show without requiring a huge budget. I along with other producers could not do what we are doing without local franchising which supports local public access stations. We are the life-blood of the community; local franchising is extremely important to all local cities and communities across the U.S. Local franchises allow for citizens such as myself to have some input into the media mix. Support for public access stations ensures that our media is not completely controlled by large corporations and that there remains a small vestige of free speech television. It's vitally important for local citizens and citizen groups to have some control over at least this aspect of telecommunications and media in our community. No local producers that I'm aware of have big budgets to work with, but what we lack in funds, we make up for in a passionate commitment to get our message out. We could not do this without local franchises supporting public access stations. Telecommunications companies must be accountable to the needs of consumers and we are the consumers as well as the producers. Telecommunications companies must give back to the community for the use of public airwaves. Without local franchises, communities will be stripped of PEG TV, but also will be left without an adequate way to ensure telecommunication companies charge reasonable rates, respond to customer complaints, and provide universal service.

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Local franchises are the cornerstone of PEG TV and it is PEG that provides localism in our media. The production and distribution of shows like ours reflect the diversity of life and opinion in the USA. PEG gives people like us an opportunity to express our points of view and our opinions on important issues. It also provides a place where the public can stay informed about local government affairs, and where educational shows can be aired in classrooms. Democracy works best when a wide range of ideas is made available to all people. PEG TV plays an important role in this and PEG cannot survive without the support of local franchises. Thus, we need to preserve PEG TV.

As a producer and supporter of Public Access TV in Pasadena, CA, I strongly urge the FCC to rule for the maintenance of local franchises.

Sincerely,

Gloria E. Garvin, PhD

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From: Hood, Mark A. [Mark.A.Hood@ssa.gov]

Sent: Monday, February 13, 2006 3:26 PM

To: KJMWEB

Subject: Public access television

I request all measures be taken by the FCC to ensure public access television remain available and that video franchising remain in place to help fund these essential public information outlets.

Thanks,

Mark Hood

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From: Harold Kirchheimer [harold.kirchheimer@verizon.net]
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2006 12:29 PM
To: KJMWEB
Subject: Comments to the Chairman

Harold Kirchheimer (harold.kirchheimer@verizon.net) writes:

AS your agency has taken to tack of allowing fewer people to own more outlets in more markets. For example in Tampa there is one company that has 8 or more stations. The People who own the airwaves have less and less access to a diverse opinions. You are looking into relaxing regulations regarding the funding of Public Aceso chanel's by Time Warner/Brighthouse, and the other cable companies who complain that it is costing them money, according to the fees and the Franchise agreements we are the consumer is paying for these channels. You should let the communities regulate these channels and include or remove them on acity/county level. They don't pay for these services we the people do and these companies sever us NOT the other way around.

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From: Mauro DePasquale [mauro@wccatv.org]
Sent: Monday, February 06, 2006 11:31 AM
To: KJMWEB; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Tracy Foley
Subject: RE: FCC MB Docket No. 05-311

Chairman Kevin J. Martin: KJMWEB@fcc.gov
Commissioner Michael J. Copps: Michael.Copps@fcc.gov
Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein: Jonathan.Adelstein@fcc.gov
RE: MB Docket 05-311

Do not let consumer issues or big business profits ruin what is perhaps the last vestige of Democracy through electronic media. Please protect local franchise authorities and ensure strongest protection possible for public access channels such as WCCA TV.

For the last 20 years WCCA TV 13, "The People's Channel" has given over 84 million dollars in community media public access service. Thousands of hours of community produced TV programs, television and multi media workshops, access to state of the art equipment, an electronic platform or soapbox to freely express ideas and opinions and share information. All made possible by local franchise support through funding and capital provided through an exchange of local rights of way. WCCA TV is a thriving community media center where citizen are producing their own relevant television programs and more. Public Access television is: TV by the People, For the People, Of the People. Worcester is a very diverse urban city, the second largest city in Massachusetts and New England. WCCA TV provides services for thousands of citizens and organizations. Public access television empowers all citizens no matter what their economic status, by giving them an equal opportunity to participate in civic debate, share opinions, tell their stories, share heritage and culture free from corporate retribution and political whim. Here is a bullet sample of what local franchise authority has made it possible for through public access television in Worcester: WCCA to provide access 24/7 every day of the year for the past 20 years, We provide the first medial literacy program in the City, Provide comprehensive training in workforce development, computer applications, television production, KidsNet/Youth channel (year round after school multi media hands on experience of youth at risk), two community news productions (in English on Spanish), we present over 145 hours per week of local originated video programming covering a vast range of topics from veterans, municipal, forums, candidate profiles, health, educational, news and information, and new ideas and opinions, WCCA also offers free community computer lab and WiFi making it possible for anyone to gain free access to the internet. Most use this time to search for jobs, write resumes, check email or learn to produce graphics to be applied on TV shows. This is too valuable to loose. Please focus on protecting the civic values and benefits that emanate from the local PUBLIC ACCESS TV channels and the public access process.

Video franchise agreements are the only mechanism that protects and ensures the existence of local Public, Educational and Governmental (PEG) Access TV channels and centers. Local video franchises between municipalities and the Cable TV companies have served the community for three decades; phone companies offering Video Services must have local franchises just as the Cable TV companies do. In order to protect PEG channels and facilities, we must ensure that local municipalities have the authority to require local video franchising. Again. Please do not let consumer issues or big business profits ruin what is perhaps the last vestige of democracy through electronic media. Please protect local franchise authorities and ensure strongest protection possible for public access channels such as WCCA TV.

Thank you for your time and consideration

Mauro DePasquale, WCCA TV 13, "The People's Channel", Worcester, MA

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From: Ricardo Salazar [salazardance@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2006 4:00 PM
To: Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Deborah Tate; KJMWEB
Subject: Video franchising

To the FCC & those who are in the power of decision making:

I am outraged that "video franchising" is being considered, since it threatens to do away with public broadcasting. Public access benefits the country in many, many ways and across a huge spectrum of people. To eliminate funding would simply create a privatized system which could not possibly have the same amount of benefits to local communities. The FCC should stand by American principles, and not engage in activities that effectively weaken freedom of speech, every American's constitutional right.

Our nation was built on freedom of speech. PLEASE do not decide in favor of corporate interests that stand in the way of public access TV

Sincerely
Ricardo Salazar

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From: Susan Oliver [susanoliver2u@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 07, 2006 11:49 AM
To: Deborah Tate
Subject: Cost of cable service

Commissioner Deborah Taylor Tate:

The current regulatory structure requires cable service providers to seek franchise agreements with each community they wants to serve, rather than following the current telephone service regulatory structure of securing one franchise agreement per state. This structural difference is important because it means a would-be cable provider would have to secure about 33,000 separate cable franchise agreements to provide nationwide cable service as compared to having to secure only 50 telephone franchise for nationwide telephone service.

This impediment to providing cable service has resulted in near-monopolistic cable service for the vast majority of Americans. Updating the structure to encourage competition will mean providers will have to compete for customers. In the few communities where there is competition for cable service, prices are lower and service quality is better clearly competition is good for consumers.

More information about this issue can be obtained via many sources, including www.consumers4choice.org/

Most sincerely,

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From: Paris-Stamm [gparis@olympus.net]
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2006 6:53 PM
To: Michael Copps
Subject: PEG Access

I support PEG Access through franchise agreements for PTTV - Glen Paris

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From: Bill Speechley [speechw@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, February 10, 2006 4:49 PM
To: KJMWEB
Subject: Cable Monopoly

The current situation in the country with Comcast and other large cable companies having a virtual monopoly on cable service is against the laws of this nation. Just because the legislators don't have the intestinal fortitude to put a stop to it.

Cable rates are out of control.

Please allow other players into the cable game.

Thanks
Bill Speechley

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From: Editoronnet@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2006 2:07 PM
To: KJMWEB
Subject: In Support of PEG Station Funding

To:
Chairman Kevin J. Martin: KJMWEB@fcc.gov
Commissioner Michael J. Copps: Michael.Copps@fcc.gov
Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein: Jonathan.Adelstein@fcc.gov
Commissioner Deborah Taylor Tate: Deborah.Tate@fcc.gov

As a member of a very small community, I highly value the assets and communication capability that we have in our local PEG station. As a low income member of the station, I can make my voice heard. That is something that is completely unavailable due to the extremely high per minute costs required on any commercial broadcast network.

The future of our nation is at risk of promoting the ideas and values of only a wealthy few who can afford to pay for commercials on broadcast television or who can afford to produce expensive television shows. The average majority needs to be heard, also.

Please give the PEG Stations the support that is so necessary for free speech in this day of commercialism. Please support the average person's right to free speech in this way.

Respectfully, Kathryn deLong
290 Colman Drive
Port Townsend, WA 98368
(360) 379-5330

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From: Jeanne Smith [jeanne2972@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 12, 2006 3:34 PM
To: KJMWEB
Subject: Comments to the Chairman

Jeanne Smith (jeanne2972@yahoo.com) writes:

Please do not allow the big companies the ability to undermine the local public access television. We need independent programming.
Thank you.

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From: tom felt [tomfelt@kon-x.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 12, 2006 6:33 PM
To: KJMWEB
Subject: Comments to the Chairman

tom felt (tomfelt@kon-x.com) writes:

keep public access channels under local jurisdictions. corporate America already has too much control and ownership of the media in this country. these are the public airwaves. keep it that way. keep freedom and democracy alive in America. these are not for sale.

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